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1. The following observations were made at the field between 23 November and 17 December 1952:

23 to 25 November. After 1 p.m., no air activity was observed at the field during the day or night.

26 November. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., the noise of aircraft engines was heard from the field, but no aircraft could be observed.

27 to 30 November and from 3 to 5 December. No air activity was observed.

6 December. At 11:45 a.m., the noise of jet fighter engines taking off individually was heard from the field, but no aircraft could be observed because of hazy weather.

7 December. There was no air activity during the day and night.

8 December. At 9:45 a.m., the noise of aircraft engines was heard, but no aircraft could be identified.

9 and 10 December. No air activity was observed.

11 December. At 2:30 p.m., 26 MiG-15 or type-29 planes, 4 aircraft of the alert flight were counted and 14 additional swept-back jet fighters were estimated at the field. After 1 p.m., there was no air activity.

15 to 17 December. No air activity was observed at the field. <sup>1</sup>

2. Prior to mid-December, no change was observed on the two radio installations with four masts, one in Jagen (forest sub-area) 216/217 and the other one on the edge of Jagen 215, and on the radio installation with one mast in Jagen 175. A DF station, whose transmission was repeatedly heard in a commercial receiver, operated on a medium wave length located between the wave lengths used by the broadcasting stations of Berlin I and the Nord-westdeutscher Rundfunk. <sup>1</sup> the radio beacon was located in Finow because, in Tornow, the transmission of a DF set was heard rather low on the same wave length. <sup>2</sup> 25X1

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3. In late November and early December, a temporary building was being erected about 200 meters southwest of the railroad crossing at the Finow-Biesenthal highway, about 30 meters west of this road. The area was guarded by sentries who were armed with carbines.
4. On 23 November, five canvas-covered 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field. Three AA guns were observed there on 18 December. On both days, the view was obstructed by the board fence. <sup>3</sup>

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6. The following observations were made at the field between 24 November and 12 December:

24 November. At 12:45 p.m., a MiG-15 or type-29 plane took off. After 1:30 p.m., there was a heavy snowfall. No air activity was observed.

26 November. No flights were made although the weather was fair and sunny.

27 November. The weather was slightly hazy after morning fog. No air activity was observed. Between 3 and 3:45 p.m., four MiG-15s of the alert flight, including one plane with the No 2453, were parked in the north-eastern corner of the field. An additional 25 MiG-15 or type-29 planes were estimated on the northern edge of the field.

28 November. There was no air activity during a heavy snowfall.

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29 November. No air activity was observed although the weather was sunny and the sky was clear.

30 November and 1 December. There was no air activity.

2 December. There was ground fog and fair weather but no air activity.

3 to 5 December. No air activity was observed during snow showers and occasionally thick fog.

6 December. Four MiG-15 or type-29 planes were parked at the take-off point.

12 December. At 12:30 p.m., four MiG-15s of the alert flight [redacted] were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. An additional 19 MiG-15 or type-29 planes were counted on the northern edge and about 10 MiG-15 or type-29 planes were estimated there.<sup>1</sup>

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7. On 2 December, a tractor towing a snow plow cleared the snow on the north-south lane. On 12 December, the landing field and the runway had a light snow cover. Fir trees, about 2 meters high and about 30 meters apart, were being erected on both sides of the runway.<sup>4</sup>

8. On 27 November and 2 December, a total of about 250 bombs were piled up in four groups in the bomb dump in the northeastern corner of the field. A wooden shed was under construction in the dump. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was posted at the entrance gate to the dump.<sup>5</sup>

9. On 27 November, about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets loaded crushed stones on four trucks, [redacted] at the spur track to the outlying farm near the field. On 2 December, 25 soldiers unloaded crushed stones from railroad cars on trucks [redacted]

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10. The radar set of type SCR-602 which had been observed for the first time in the Potstrasse in Finow on 29 November was removed on 2 January 1953.<sup>6</sup>

11. On 27 November and 2 December, six 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field. On 27 November, 12 soldiers were also observed there. The two earth bunkers near the board fence in line with kilometer marker 1.25 were occupied. Truck [redacted] having a driver who wore red-bordered black epaulets was driven to the AA gun emplacement.<sup>3</sup>

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12. At 3:45 p.m., on 26 November, three trucks loaded with billeting equipment and about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved from the airfield toward Eberswalde. [redacted]

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[ ] On the same day, 12 additional trucks [ ]

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[ ] loaded with straw bags, bedsteads, cupboards in addition to about 75 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed on the same road. [ ] the soldiers on the vehicles were the same who had been observed unloading crushed stones at the field. On 26 November, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly observed in the air force quarters east of Piesenthaler Strasse. These soldiers were not observed after 26 November. The soldiers who loaded crushed stones wore red-bordered black epaulets prior to 26 November and black-bordered blue epaulets after 26 November.

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1. [ ] Comment. According to available information, Finow airfield is occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments equipped with about 48 MiG-15s. In late November and early December, there was only slight air activity in Finow as at other airfields in East Germany.

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2. [ ] Comment. The erection of two HKV-45 DF stations was also reported from Justerbog-Altes Lager and Brandenburg-Briest airfields. The outer low frequency approach beacon is located in Jagen 175. The radio traffic [ ] was conducted by a low frequency approach beacon.

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3. [ ] Comment. At present, only one light battery with six 37-mm AA guns is located at the field.

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4. [ ] Comment. The information that the runway was marked by fir trees was previously reported from Grossenhain and Justerbog-Altes Lager airfields. [ ]

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5. [ ] Comment. The bomb dump located in the fork formed by the railroad tracks northeast of the airfield was previously reported several times. [ ] Previously it had not been observed that MiG-15s carried or released bombs.

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6. [ ] Comment. [ ] reported an SCR-602 type radar set for the first time. [ ] . For location of set, see Annex. [ ] the set made movements back and forth at an angle of 180 degrees.

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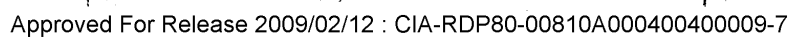
7. [ ] Comment. The motor vehicles reported belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Several supply units are stationed in the Finow area. Possibly, the soldiers observed belong to the Soviet Army and are assigned to the construction of shrapnelproof revetments.

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Layout Sketch of Air Force Quarters in Finow

Legend:

- I Restricted area
- II Area occupied by air force tech personnel
- III Air force quarters
- IV Air force motor vehicle pool
- V location of SCR-602 type radar set
- VI Guardhouse

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